TIMELINE OF THE LIFE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ AND THE KHULAFĀ AR-RASHIDŪN

"...SO ADHERE TO MY SUNNAH AND THE SUNNAH OF THE RIGHTLY-GUIDED KHULAFA..." - PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ (ABU DAWUD)

SUMMARIZED LINEAGE OF THE PROPHET ﷺ AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KHULAFA AR-RASHIDUN

Indicates multiple generations in between

Indicates direct descendant

Indicates relations by marriage/concubinage

Adam ﷺ

Nuh ﷺ

Ibrahim ﷺ

Ismail ﷺ

Fihr ibn Malik
(Quraish)

Hashim ibn Manaf

'Abdul Muttalib

Al-Harith ﷺ | **Hamza** ﷺ | **Safiyyah** | **Al-'Abbas** ﷺ | **'Abdul Uzza** (Abu Lahab) | **Abu Talib**

'Abd Allah | **Aminah bint Wahb**

Thuwaybah | **Muhammad** ﷺ | **Halimah** | **Umar** ﷺ

Khadijah ﷺ | **Sawdah** | **Hafsah** | **Umm Salamah** | **Jawayriyyah** | **Safiyyah** | **Mariyya al-Qibtiyya** ﷺ

Al-Qasim | **Zainab** | **Abdullah** | **Ibrahim** ﷺ

Ruqayyah | **'Uthmān** ﷺ | **Umm Kulthum** | **Fātimah** ﷺ | **'Ali ibn Abi Talib** ﷺ

Al-Hasan ibn 'Ali ﷺ | **Al-Husayn ibn 'Ali** ﷺ | **Umm Kulthum bint 'Ali** ﷺ | **Zaynab bint 'Ali** ﷺ

OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS MUSLIMS TOWARDS RASŪLULLĀH ﷺ

Allāh the Most High has placed certain responsibilities on the Muslims towards Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and it is the duty of every Muslim to educate ourselves in regards to the rights of the Prophet on us and to ensure that we are not unmet effort to fulfill these rights.

TO BELIEVE IN HIM

We believe that Muhammad ﷺ was the best of Mankind, and the best of the Prophets of Allāh and that he was entrusted with delivering the Message of Allāh to the people. He was humbled to guide and purify us and that he fulfilled this trust perfectly and that the only way to Paradise is to follow the Sunnah and the hereafter it is following his prescribed way and not out of it.

TO OBEY HIM

We must obey him in all he has commanded us to do and hold him is highest authority in regards to our understanding of Islām and not go beyond the guidelines he set in matters of faith and worship.

TO HELIEVE THAT HE ﷺ IS THE "SEAL" AND LAST OF THE PROPHETS

﴿مَّا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَٰكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا﴾

"But no, by your Lord, they can have no Faith until they make you, (O Muhammad), judge concerning all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission." [Surah An-Nisā 4:65]

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِئُونَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ﴾

"O you who believe! Obey Allāh and His Messenger, and do not turn away from him when you hear him speak." [Surah Al-Anfāl 8:20]

﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَن يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ۗ وَمَن يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا﴾

"It was not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allāh and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should (thereafter) have any option about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allāh and His Messenger has certainly strayed clearly." [Surah Al-Ahzāb 33:36]

TO HAVE LOVE AND RESPECT FOR HIM

When telling us that Allāh and His angels are constantly raising the rank, status and honour of the Prophet ﷺ Allāh has commanded us to do the same:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ۚ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾

"Allāh and His angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings upon him and salute him with a worthy salutation." [Surah Al-Ahzāb 33:56]

Ramāḍān al-Būṭī said: "Whosoever invokes one blessing upon me, Allāh will send ten blessings upon him, whosoever invokes ten blessings upon me, Allāh will send him a hundred."

A Messenger has come to you from among yourselves. It is your suffering that weighs heavily upon him, and he is deeply concerned about you; to the believers he is kind and merciful. **[Tawbah]**

Verily, Allāh and His angels shower blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings upon him and salute him with a worthy salutation. [Surah Al-Ahzāb 33:56]

Say: (O Muhammad), "If you should love Allāh, then follow me; (and) Allāh will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful." [Surah Āl 'Imrān 3:31]

HE WAS SENT WITH THE TRUTH TO TRUST IT NOT PRAISE

﴿وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ وَلِيٌّ مِّنَ الذُّلِّ وَكَبِّرْهُ تَكْبِيرًا﴾

It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion. And sufficient is Allāh as a Witness. [Surah Al-Fath 48:28]

And Say: Praise be to Allāh, who has not taken a son, and who has no partner in dominion, nor any protector from humiliation, and glorify Him with all glorification. [Surah Al-Isrā 17:111]

And We have sent you (O Muhammad) only as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind. [Surah Saba 34:28]

ONE CANNOT CLAIM TO LOVE ALLĀH AND DISOBEY HIS MESSENGER

HE DOES NOT SPEAK FROM HIS OWN DESIRE:

﴿وَمَا يَنطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۝ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ﴾

Nor does he speak of his own desire. [Surah An-Najm 53:3]

HE WAS SENT TO TEACH US AND FORGIVE US

﴿رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ﴾

Similarly We have sent among you a Messenger from yourselves who recites to you Our verses and purifies you and teaches you the Book and wisdom and teaches you that which you did not (before) know. [Surah Al-Baqarah 2:151]

HE WAS NEVER A MERCY FROM ALLĀH AND TO WARN US AGAINST HIS DISPLEASURE:

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ﴾

It is (his source of) Mercy for mankind. [Surah Al-Anbiyā 21:107]

And We have not sent you, (O Muhammad), except as a mercy to the worlds. [Surah Al-Anbiyā 21:107]

ALLĀH ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXISTENCE OF HIS MESSENGER ﷺ

﴿وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ﴾

And exalt, (on) O Muhammad, we (a) raised standard of (your) character. [Surah Al-Qalam 68:4]

HE ﷺ PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AS REPORTED IN THE AHADITH

Rabee'ah ibn Abi 'Abd al-Rahmaan said, "I heard Anas bin Malik describing the Prophet ﷺ saying, "He was of moderate height, neither tall nor short, and his complexion was neither very white nor wheat-coloured. His hair was neither curly nor straight. When he was sent as a Messenger, he remained in Makkah for ten years and he would be the farthest from it. By Allāh! He never averaged himself. He only became angry when someone violated the sanctity of Allāh, and he would not take revenge for his own sake. He was of a very good character and kind. He was not rude or harsh, nor did he ever shout in the streets. He did not repay evil with evil, but he would overlook and forgive. He never struck a servant, nor did he ever hit a woman. He never struck anything with his hand except when he struck out in Jihaad